GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Revenue (Commercial Taxes) Department - Surprise check conducted by the ACB on 01.02.2016 over the Border Check-Post, Tatiyakulagudem Village, Jeelugumilli Mandal, West Godavari district - Allegations of collection of bribes against Sri Manikonda Surya Prakasa Rao, ACTO, O/o.CTO, Eluru and four others - Certain irregularities noticed - Initiated Departmental action - Case entrusted to COI - Inquiry report submitted - Further action dropped against Sri Toleti Subrahmanyam, former AO, I/c.CTO (SO-2) and abated further action against two deceased officials i.e., Sri Manikonda Surya Prakash Rao, ACTO (SO-1) and Sri Ravuri Kanaka Durga Prasad, Jr.Asst.(SO-5) - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 843 Dated: 05-08-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.C.No.17/DES-EWG/2016, dated 30.11.2017.
2. Govt.Memo.No.17023/36/2016/Vig.II-1, dated 01.02.2018.
3. Charge Memo.CCTs Ref No.V3/72/2016, dated 26.07.2019 with Annexures.
4. CCST's Ref.No.V3/72/2016, dated 14.02.2020 appointment of Inquiry Officer.
5. Inquiry Report submitted by Sri M.S.R.K.Somesh, Asst.Director 5-APSDRI, dated 15.03.2023.
6. From the CCST's Lr.Ref.No.V2/72/2016, dated 09.05.2023.
7. Govt.Memo.No.REV-17023/36/2016-VIG II-4, dated 26.10.2023.
8. From the CCST's Lr.Ref.No.V2/72/2016, dated 23.06.2024.

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ORDER:

Whereas, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau in the reference 1st read above has reported that on credible information was received that the officers and staff of A.P.Commercial Taxes Check Post, Tatiyakulagudem Village, Jeelugumilli Mandal, West Godavari district were indulging in corrupt practices, abusing their official positions and habitually collecting bribes directly and also through private persons from the drivers/owners of goods vehicles passing through the check-post without collecting due taxes for violations and thus causing loss to the Government exchequer. On receiving the said information, a surprise check was conducted on 01.02.2016 over Border Check-Post, Tatiyakulagudem Village, Jeelugumilli Mandal, West Godavari district and found certain irregularities and recommended to place the Suspected Officers viz., 1) Sri Manikonda Surya Prakash Rao, ACTO (SO-1), 2) Sri Srungavruksham Pothu Raju, OS (SO-3), 3) Sri Palli Venkata Ramana Murthy, Jr.Asst.(SO-4), 4) Sri Ravuri Kanaka Durga Prasad, Jr.Asst.(SO-5), before the TDP and to initiate disciplinary action against Sri Toleti Subrahmanyam, AO/DCTO (SO-2), O/o.I/c.CTO, Akividu for their irregularities mentioned in the detailed surprise check report.

2. Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, Govt., have placed the said (4) AOs viz., 1) Sri Manikonda Surya Prakasa Rao, ACTO (SO-1), 2) Sri Srungavruksham Pothu Raju, OS (SO-3), 3) Sri Palli Venkata Ramana Murthy, Jr.Asst.(SO-4), 4) Sri Ravuri Kanaka Durga Prasad, Jr.Asst.(SO-5) on their defence before the TDP to inquire into the allegations of corruption and misconduct levelled against them during the surprise check. After abolition of TDP, the case has been entrusted to the COI against the COs.

3. Whereas, in the reference 3rd read above, Article of charges were framed against Sri Toleti Subrahmanyam, AO/DCTO, O/o.CTO, Akividu, West Godavari district under Rule 20 of A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991. The draft AoCs along with supported documents have been sent to the CCST on 13.12.2023 to initiate common disciplinary proceedings and framing of the charges against SOs-1, 3 to 5 under Rule 24 of A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, for their misconduct and violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and furnish the WSDs to entrust the case to CoI. In the reference 4th read above, Sri MSRK Somesh, CTO presently Assistant Director, O/o. Andhra Pradesh State Director of Revenue Intelligence, Vijayawada has been appointed as Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against Sri T.Subramanyam, AO/DCTO, O/o.CTO, Akividu, West Godavari district.

4. Whereas, in the reference 5th read above, the Inquiry Officer has submitted his Inquiry Report to the CCST and in the reference 6th read above, the CCST has furnished the Inquiry Report submitted by Inquiry Authority i.e., Sri M.S.R.K.Somesh, formerly CTO, Palakol Circle, to the Government for taking necessary further action in the matter. The Inquiry

Officer in his report held that the charge framed against Sri Toleti Subrahmanyam, formerly AO is held not proved. Whereas, in the reference 7th read above, the Inquiry Report has been communicated to Sri Toleti Subrahmanyam, formerly AO under Rule 21(2) of A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to submit his written representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Officer within the stipulated period.

5. Whereas, in the reference 8th read above, the CCST has furnished the written representation submitted by the Charged Officer i.e., Sri Toleti Subrahmanyam, former AO, BCP, now working as AC(ST) on the findings of the Inquiry Report. The Charged Officer has submitted his defence and requested to issue necessary orders to exonerate him from the charges framed against him as the Inquiry Officer has clearly concluded that the charges were not proved.

6. The CCST, AP has further reported that Suspected Officers namely Sri Manikonda Surya Prakash Rao, ACTO (SO-1), and Sri Ravuri Kanaka Durga Prasad, Jr.Asst. (SO-5) expired on 27.10.2023 and 09.08.2018 respectively and requested to issue necessary orders in the matter.

7. Government after careful examination of the Inquiry Report submitted by the Inquiry Authority and explanation of the Charged Officer and hereby order to drop further action against Sri Toleti Subrahmanyam, former Administrative Officer/Deputy Commercial Tax Officer (SO-2), O/o.Commercial Tax Officer, Akividu, West Godavari district as the charge framed against him is held not proved in the inquiry report.

8. Further, Government hereby abate further action against the two (2) deceased officials i.e., 1) Sri Manikonda Surya Prakash Rao, Assistant Commercial Tax Officer (SO-1) and 2) Sri Ravuri Kanaka Durga Prasad, Junior Assistant (SO-5) who were expired on 27.10.2023 and 09.08.2018 respectively subject to the recovery of dues, if any, from their terminal benefits, as per Rule 9(7) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Kunchanapalli, Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PEEYUSH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Toleti Subrahmanyam, former AO/DCTO (SO-2), O/o.CTO,
Akividu, West Godavari district presently working as Assistant
Commissioner (ST), O/o JC (ST), Vijayawada III Division
(through the CCST, AP, Kunchanapalli, Guntur district)
The legal heirs of Sri Manikonda Surya Prakasa Rao,
ACTO (SO-1) and Sri Ravuri Kanaka Durga Prasad,
Jr.Asst.,(SO-5) (through the Chief Commissioner of
State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Kunchanapalli, Guntur)
The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh,
Kunchanapalli, Guntur district

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SECTION OFFICER